



Blackbushe Heritage Trust

Trustees Annual Report And Statement of Accounts



Trustees Annual Report for the year ended March 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Blackbushe Heritage Trust

Blackbushe Airport

Camberley

Surrey

GU17 9LQ

Registered charity number 1198733

The Trustees for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Peter Brown – Chairman

Rebecca Cornthwaite

Christopher Gazzard

Mark Griffiths

Philip Johns – resigned 4th July 2024

Patrick Marchant

David Payne

Paul Nicholls – appointed 4th July 2024



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document – Constitution adopted 15th March 2022

How the charity is constituted – Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection method – Appointed by current Trustees when required

Systems of internal control provide reasonable assurance against loss and exposure to regulations and they include:

1. Regular review of the financial position of the charity
2. Segregation of duties between Trustees
3. Procedures for the authorisation of all transactions

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's principle objectives are to form a museum to display and preserve the richly varied history and heritage of Blackbushe Airport. The Trust has recovered and will restore the aircraft Vickers Viking G-AGRW for the public benefit and present the aircraft as a focal point of the future museum. This aircraft (and many others of its type based at Blackbushe) helped develop the early years of air passenger transport.

To carry out this primary project, the trust has established a workshop from which it will promote, teach and train people from all age groups, therefore helping to continue the relevant heritage training skills for future generations.

Fundraising activities have consisted of attendance at various aviation fairs and events with our charity stand. We have held a programme of information talks at the Pathfinder Café throughout the year as well as selling our merchandise at our on site shop and temporary History Hub. We have also held 2 successful raffles and several quiz nights.

Since her arrival in May 2023, our Engineering team made up of Trustees and a dedicated group of volunteers have begun a comprehensive programme of restoration.

In planning and carrying out all charity activities throughout the year, the Trustees have continued to reference the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The first major achievement of the charity was to successfully repatriate G-AGRW 950 miles from Bad Voslau, Austria to Blackbushe Airport on the 2nd May 2023. This memorable arrival was the conclusion of a huge effort over a two week period by a small team of volunteers and professionals. The aircraft was met by many members of the public, aviation enthusiasts, BBC news and charity volunteers.

The aircraft is housed in the new Heritage Hangar, thanks to Blackbushe Airport and prepared with the help of our volunteers.

On the 21st October 2023, The Blackbushe Heritage Trust was awarded 'Group of the Year' by Aviation Heritage UK.

The constantly expanding Engineering Team have made great progress on the aircraft restoration including paint stripping and reapplication to the front section in time for the Blackbushe Air Day in June 2024. Scaffolding that was loaned to us and purpose built trestles have allowed the team to successfully carry out these tasks.

A partnership with a large aerospace company has allowed us to remove and send the aircraft undercarriage to them for restoration as part of their apprenticeship training scheme.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

It is the policy of the Team to maintain the general unrestricted funds at a level to provide sufficient reserves to meet the future anticipated demands on the charities resources.

Having regard to the likely levels of incoming resources and direct charitable expenditure, the Trustees are satisfied that the funds held at 31st March 2024 as reflected in the balance sheet are available and adequate for the Trustees to fulfil the obligations of the Charity and maintain its operations.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Blackbushe Heritage Trust

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
INCOME	£	£
Donations & Fundraising	28,613	34,520
Merchandise Sales	7,454	121
Interest & Sundry Income	667	144
TOTAL INCOME	36,734	34,785
EXPENSES		
Advertising & Marketing	55	25
Aircraft Restoration Supplies	4,264	0
Aircraft Parts	80	0
Aircraft Repatriation	35,000	0
Accountancy Fees	100	0
Bank Fees	0	28
Certification Costs	17	40
Credit Card Fees	198	0
Entertainment	244	0
Equipment Repairs & Maint.	396	26
Event Costs	566	80
Insurance	178	101
IT Software & Consumables	198	9
Memberships	40	25
Merchandise Stock	3801	
Postage, Freight & Courier	344	255
Printing & Stationery	137	0
Security	37	20
Travel	0	109
Depreciation	294	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	45,949	718
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(9,215)	34,067



Balance Sheet

	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
HERITAGE ASSETS	£	£
Aircraft G-AGRW	8,000	7,000
Depreciation	0	0
Net Book Value	8,000	7,000
FIXED ASSETS		
Plant & Machinery	7,145	0
Depreciation	(294)	0
Net Book Value	6,851	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	14,851	7,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Current Account	8,924	25,337
Barclays Account	0	720
Cash	547	0
TOTAL CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	9,471	26,057
Inventory	0	1,009
Trade Debtors	358	0
VAT	171	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,000	27,066
Trade Creditors amounts due within 1 year		
DEBTORS		
Accounts Payable	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	0
NET ASSETS	24,851	34,066
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	(9,215)	34,066
Retained Surplus	34,066	0
TOTAL	24,851	34,066



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Blackbushe Heritage Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Blackbushe Heritage Trust (The Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

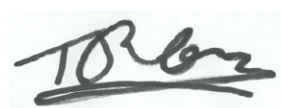
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

By way of recommendation I advise that where monies are paid to Trustees by way of reimbursement of expenses, these are noted and minuted at meetings of the Trustees

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Morris', with a horizontal line underneath.

Name: Toby J. Morris ACMA, CGMA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
CIMA

Address: 49a Market Square, Witney, OX28 6AG

Date: 29 January 2025